

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An input method using an input apparatus in which a touch panel is laminated onto a display screen of a display apparatus, a sensor unit is formed so as to be expanded to the outside of one side of said display screen, an instruction according to a touching position of a finger or a touch pen onto said sensor unit is given, and a controller generates a control signal on the basis of said instruction, comprising the steps of:

displaying a selection display comprising a plurality of selection items along said side of said display screen when the finger or the touch pen is touched to said sensor unit;

instructing one of said selection items when the finger or the touch pen is moved along said side on said sensor unit; and

instructing selection of said instructed selection item when the finger or the touch pen is released from said sensor unit, wherein said selection display disappears when the finger or the touch pen is moved from said sensor unit to said display screen side.

2. (Original) An input method according to claim 1, wherein by operating a predetermined button on a display/sensor unit of said touch panel overlapped with said display screen, an instruction corresponding to said button is generated.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) An input method according to claim 1, wherein said selection display is a menu display.

5. (Currently Amended) An input apparatus in which a touch panel is laminated onto a display screen of a display apparatus, comprising:

a sensor unit formed so as to be expanded to the outside of one side of said display screen; and

a controller to which an instruction according to a touching position of a finger or a touch pen onto said sensor unit is given and which generates a control signal on the basis of said instruction, wherein said controller controls the display apparatus in such a manner that a selection display comprising a plurality of selection items is displayed along said side of said display screen when the finger or the touch pen is touched to said sensor unit and one of said selection items is instructed when the finger or the touch pen is moved along said side on said sensor unit, and said controller generates the control signal to instruct selection of said instructed selection item when the finger or the touch pen is released from said sensor unit, wherein said selection display disappears when the finger or the touch pen is moved from said sensor unit to said display screen side.

6. (Original) An input apparatus according to claim 5, wherein by operating a predetermined button on a display/sensor unit of said touch panel overlapped with said display screen, said controller generates an instruction corresponding to said button.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) An input apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said selection display is a menu display.